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tively in Advance.

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The payment of poll taxes is now
in order and any time before May
4 will do.

Tax Collector Langford informs
us that the time for the payment
of taxes has been by the State
Comptroller extended another
month, or until the first of May.

The returns from Lee County as
to whether that county shall be in
the prohibition list are not yet re-
ceived. The election was held
Tuesday and the contest close. It
will lose or win by a small number
of votes.

We are in receipt of The Florida
Poultry Journal, of Tampa, F. S.
Love, editor. DeSoto County will
attract considerable attention on
account of a number of handsome
illustrations taken from the poultry
yards of Mrs. W. H. Miller of
Wauchula, and those of Mr. Mike
Coward, of Ona. The magazine is
a handsome 16 page journal, worth
the subscription price, 50 cents to
any one interested in the business.

No question of more moment
has in years been brought before
the citizens of DeSoto county than
the one of county division. It is
true we have had periodical scares
at each election time when the
subject has been broached but
there has been so little danger
previously that we have scarcely
troubled ourselves to be on the de-
fensive. But the case today is
more serious. A well organized
effort is being made by citizens in
two ends of the county to force
division upon the rest of us. This
we of the central part will resist
most decidedly.

It is evident that division was
not a preconceived scheme in the
minds of Punta Gorda politicians.
But the Wauchula delegation had
their plans well laid having been
for years jealous of Arcadia's
supremacy, they schemed with
wisdom and forethought. We
know what a temptation the
promise of holding a public office
is. It was a bold stroke on their
part putting up for a candidate the
editor and at one swoop gathered
his newspaper and his brains to
work in behalf of division. It re-
mains to be seen whether with the
united force of Wauchula and
Punta Gorda votes, the division
candidate can be elected. And if
elected it further remains to be
seen whether he could influence
legislation to that end. It is
certain that Arcadia will put up a
stiff fight, and we believe we have
arguments and power to back them.

For Tax Collector.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I am a candidate for tax collector of your county
subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries
WILL C. LANGFORD.

For County Commissioner Dist. No. 4.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
county commissioner for district No. 4, subject
to the action of the Democratic Primaries. I
promise, if elected, to perform the duties of the
office in a strictly impartial manner and for the
good of the whole people as I see it.
D. S. WILLIAMS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
commissioner in district No. 4, promising, if
elected, to do my duty conscientiously and to the
best of my ability.
S. S. AVANT.

I announce myself as a candidate for County
Commissioner for district No. 4, subject to the
Democratic Primary of May 15th.
C. S. BUSHNELL.

I take this method of announcing to the voters
of DeSoto county that I am a candidate for the
office of county commissioner from district No. 4
subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries
R. E. SMEDLEY.

Political Announcements

Those Who are Running for Office
And the Office They are Asking for

For County Judge.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for
county judge, subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic Primaries, and solicit the support of the
voters of the county. Respectfully,
R. B. BROWN.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the
office of county judge and solicit the support of
the voters at the coming primaries. If elected I
promise to execute the duties of the office with
impartiality and justice. JAMES FURLON.

For County Treasurer.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for
county Treasurer of DeSoto county. Having for
the past three years assumed the duties of this
office for the present incumbent I feel sufficiently
qualified to fill this responsible position.
Respectfully,
W. M. PLATT.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for
County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic
Primary of May the 15th. I promise you if
elected, to discharge the duties of the office to the
best of my ability. Soliciting the votes of one
and all and thanking you in advance for same.
Remain, Yours Very Truly,
JAMES A. HENDRY.

For Sheriff.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for
re-election as Sheriff of DeSoto county, subject to
the democratic primaries, to fill the office for the
next ensuing two years. I was elected for four
years, but through some mistake, my bond to
qualify for my regular term of four years did not
reach me in time to file same in the legal time
required by law. I would appreciate the support
of all the voters of our county. Will say that I
have done my best since I have been in office to
put down crime of all kinds in this county, and
if re-elected will continue on the same line.
A. C. FREEMAN.

For Representative.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
At the request of numerous friends in various
parts of the county, I hereby announce myself a
candidate for Representative in the Legislature,
subject to the action of the democratic primaries
of May 15th and June 12th.

As I have neither the time nor the means to
make a thorough personal canvass of the county
I deem it proper to state here that if elected it
shall be my earnest endeavor to work for the best
interest of the county and the masses of the peo-
ple among whom I have lived for nearly 26 years,
and upon whose welfare and prosperity my own
depends.

I am opposed to the repeal of the Buckman
Educational Bill, and a continuation of the State
appropriation for the Tampa State Fair, which
will probably be asked at the next session of the
Legislature.

I am not controlled by any individual, faction
or corporation and shall advocate what I believe
to be right regardless of whether it makes or
loses votes for me.

I will take pleasure in answering any questions
in regard to my opinion of public issues, either
personally or through the press. Respectfully,
H. C. SPARKMAN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Rep-
resentative of DeSoto county, subject to the
action of the Democratic Primaries.
I am opposed to the repeal of the Buckman bill,
and also further contributions by the State to the
Tampa Fair Association.
If elected, will serve the people honestly and to
the best of my ability.
J. B. COCHRAN.

TO THE VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY:
In announcing my candidacy for the office of
Representative for DeSoto county, to be voted for
in the Democratic Primaries, 1906, I deem it
proper to define my position on the issues which
confront us.

I am unalterably opposed to the "drainage tax,"
and favor a repeal of the recent act providing
therefor.

The need of our State is higher education; our
educational laws should be stable; I am there-
fore opposed to any and all effort to repeal the
Buckman bill or to interfere with the location of
the University at Gainesville.

I favor the Railroad Commission, and believe
that it should be given greater authority and
power.

Our system of pardons has done violence to
the enforcement of criminal laws; I therefore
favor an amendment thereof.

The old soldiers known as the "Home Guard"
are not included in the provisions of our Pension
Laws; this omission should be corrected.

I favor the establishment of a system of public
abstracts.

Upon these principles, and others of less
prominence which I shall present to you during
the campaign, I solicit your support and vote;
and assure you that if I am elected I will en-
deavor by fearless and conscientious service to
merit your endorsement. JOHN W. BERTON.

Having been nominated by my fellow citizens
of Wauchula and Punta Gorda as a candidate in
the Primaries for Representative in the Legis-
lature on a platform declaring for a fair and just
division of DeSoto county, this card is to an-
nounce that fact and to solicit votes on that plat-
form, and to pledge myself, if nominated and
elected, to use my best efforts to secure a division
that will prove satisfactory and beneficial as far
as possible to all the people of the proposed three
counties.
A. P. JORDAN.

At the request of my many friends, I have con-
sented to enter the race for representative of
DeSoto county in the next Florida Legislature
and take this opportunity of soliciting the votes
of the citizens of the county in the approaching
Democratic primary election.

As I will not have the opportunity of seeing
and talking with each individual personally, I
deem it proper that I should define my position
on some of the more important issues of the
campaign.

I am opposed to a division of DeSoto county,
for the reason that I am opposed to a high tax-
ation. I consider it more economical to maintain
the present county government than to establish
and maintain two additional ones also with
the same source of revenue.

I shall favor the repeal of the Drainage Act
passed by the Legislature of 1905 as an arbitrary,
unfair and unjust measure which if enforced
will become a burden of taxation upon the people
of the state.

I am in favor of the Educational Law known
as the "Buckman Bill" and will oppose any effort
to interfere with the location of the State
University at Gainesville.

Having been born and reared within the
boundaries of DeSoto county, all my interest be-
ing here, if I am honored with the nomination
and election I shall be found working for the
measures which I believe to be for the best
interest of the state as a whole and DeSoto
county in particular.

With honesty of purpose, "equal rights to all
and special privileges to none" I solicit the
votes of my friends and the people of the
county regardless of section or community.
Very respectfully,
W. H. HOOKER.

For Tax Assessor.

For, and in consideration of the sum of five (\$5)
dollars, receipt of which is hereby duly ac-
knowledge, we are empowered and authorized
to announce the candidacy of F. M. Cooper for
re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto
county, Florida, subject to the action of the
democratic primaries.

County Commissioner Dist. No. 2.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for
county commissioner from District No. 2, and
solicit the votes of all my friends and fellow
democrats in the approaching primary election.
W. S. WORLEY.

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